

Two Men Die, One Missing In Highway Slide

Keechelus
Lake Scene
Of Mishap

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(Picture of slide on P. 15.)

SNOQUALMIE SUMMIT, Oct. 4.—Two workmen were crushed to death, and a third was missing in a mammoth rock slide which slammed across the Snoqualmie Pass Highway at Lake Keechelus tonight.

Another man was injured by falling rock. He is Ed Seave, 45, of Yakima, who was admitted to Cle Elum Hospital in satisfactory condition. The dead are Clarence Shoder, 35, a highway department road crew foreman, and Knute Johnson, about 45, of Roslyn. The missing man is Carson H. Mundia, 44, of Yakima, a truck driver for the Kuney Construction Co.

A road construction truck driven by Mundia may have been swept into Lake Keechelus when tons of rock descended from the mountainside.

Duke Wright, 45, of Yakima, a member of the road crew, fled from the scene as rocks tumbled about him. He escaped death by taking cover under a power shovel.

WRIGHT SAID: "We had just finished making a repair in the highway. There was a 'pop' and things started falling. I was at my pickup truck, waiting for Seave when the mountainside started roaring down. I jumped and ran."

Wright said his crew was preparing to leave the area. Seave was walking toward the truck when he was hit and knocked down by several chunks of tumbling rock. Seave was cut and bruised by the rocks.

Boulders, described as big as an average house, pitched down the mountainside from a height of about 600 feet.

A QUARTER-MILE stretch of the highway was covered with rock, trees, and debris from hill. The rubble crossed the highway and dumped into the lake at a point five miles west of the summit.

Seave's pickup truck was hit had been stopped by highway department flagmen while the road crew made its escape. The truck was crushed by the slide.

A pickup, a truck and a bulldozer were either buried beneath the slide or shoved

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Hoffa Elected 3-1; Union Invites 'Boot'



TEAMSTER PRESIDENT JAMES HOFFA
Flashes Big Smile After His Election
(Associated Press Wirephoto.)

Brewster Tearfully Quits In V-P Contest

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 4.—(INS)—Teamster delegates elected James R. Hoffa as their new president by a majority of nearly 3 to 1 on the first ballot today and thereby invited expulsion of their giant union from the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The Hoffa steamroller moved on in the election of vice presidents and other officers.

Teamster vice president William A. Lee, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, polled 313 votes and Thomas J. Haggerty, 448 of Chicago, received 140.

Hoffa supporters proceeded to elect a hand-picked slate of candidates for subordinate officers. Their election will give Hoffa a "clean sweep" of the union.

Tears in his eyes, Teamster vice president Frank Brewster of Seattle, chairman of the union's Western Conference, withdrew as a candidate for

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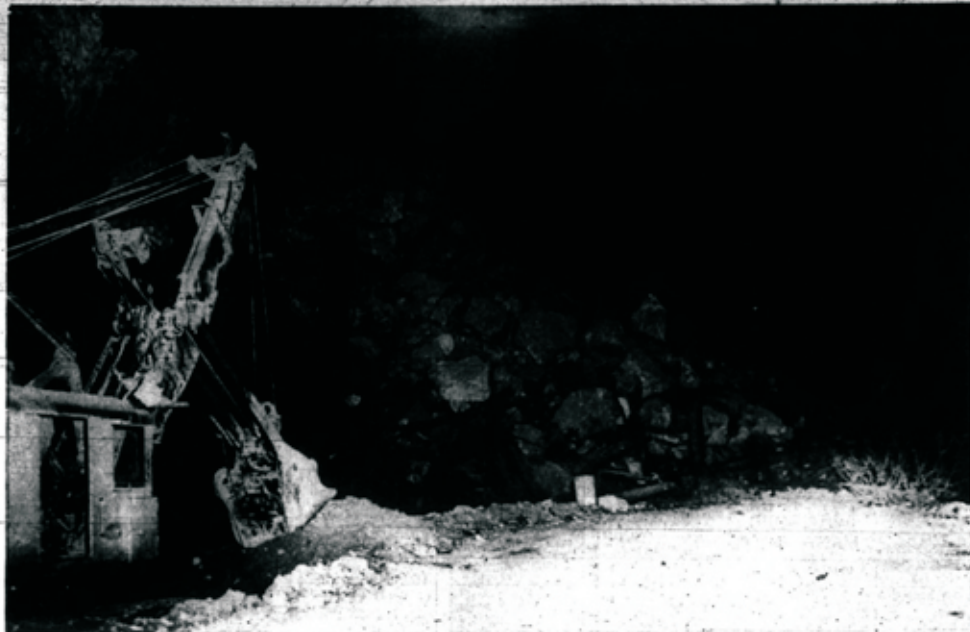
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Huge Slide Thunders Down On Snoqualmie Highway

HURLE OF THE mammoth slide which swept across the Snoqualmie Pass Highway Friday night stands as mute evidence of the terror which struck when two men were

killed, a third was missing and another was injured. At left stands a power shovel, under which a survivor, Duke Wright, escaped his death crashing rocks. Trees and brush

snapped and ground to shreds, poke out of the rocks.
(Post-Intelligencer Photo by Tom Newell.)

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Man Escapes by Diving Under Power Shovel



WHERE THREE DIED: Thousands of tons of huge boulders and shattered trees covered the Snoqualmie Pass Highway at the end of Lake Keechelus today after a slide roared down six

miles east of the summit yesterday evening. Three highway-construction workers were killed. Note how the big power shovel on the highway at left is dwarfed by the slide. This

photograph shows the slide as seen from the west end. The State Highway Department said the highway will be closed to traffic indefinitely.—A. P. aerial photo by Ed Johnson.

By HILL WILLIAMS

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